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Head'n over to the SAC Students Critique New Student Activities Center

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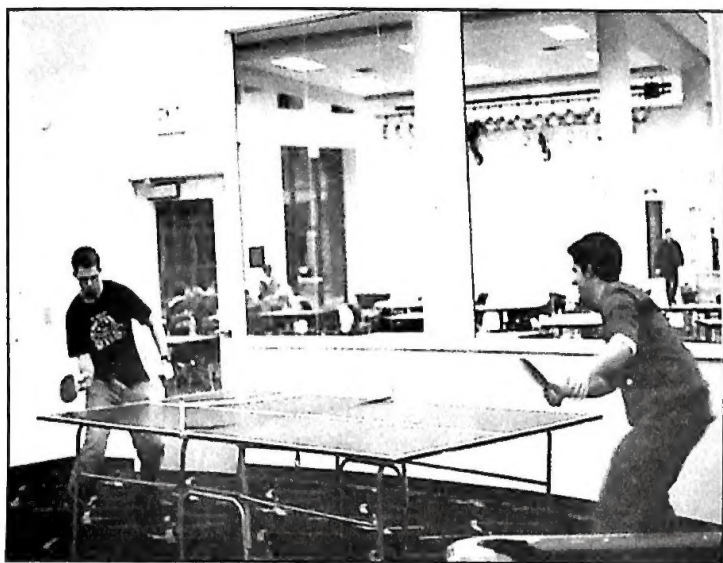


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Rob Walton (left) and Jake Blomquist enjoy the new game room in the Student Center.

The New Year brings a whole new meaning to Clarke College this year: The new Student Activity Center has opened.

Costing an estimated 4.4 million dollars to build, the center features a new home for student organizations, the Crusader Café, the bookstore, the post office, and many other offices.

Inside, the new building are a movie room, a performance stage, a quiet study, and the home of the future Clarke College radio station.

With help from approximately 60 separate donors, the building, designed by Performa and built by Conlon Construction, creates a place for students to go and

socialize, study and relax.

"The Student Activity Center is much larger and more comfortable than the old Student Union," says Kate Zanger, vice president of Student Life. Faculty and staff can have lunch in the new space without students feeling that they have taken over the space."

The response to the facility has been one of excitement. "Overall, it has been supported by faculty and students with many positive reactions," says Kristen Meissner, director of Student Activities.

The committee that planned the building felt that it was an essential step to be taken in the life of Clarke. It was felt that it would also make the college seem more like a traditional college campus.

Many students agree with this

assessment and are enthusiastic about the facility.

"I like to eat over there and be able to watch TV," says Aisha Blough. "I like how it is set up." Freshman Emily Bennett says, "I like how it is bright and open; it makes it a friendly atmosphere."

"I like to get busy in the SAC," says junior Megan Schumacher.

Freddy Miranda adds, "I like almost everything about it."

Sarah Lehman comments, "I particularly enjoy the ping pong table. It makes for good clean fun. I also like relaxing in front of the fireplace in the comfy chairs."

Russian Group to Perform Tuesday

Trio Voronezh, a Russian ensemble, will give a free concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall.

The group will play three traditional Russian folk instruments: the double-bass balalaika, bayan and domra.

Their music ranges from classical pieces to gypsy dances and Russian folk music. They have played to audiences across the U.S. as well as in Europe.

Toy drives, movies, sledding... Sophomore class adopts local family

By: TIFFANEY KRAEMER
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Imagine a small trailer home in which a mother, a father, and three boys live. The boys are ages 18, 8 and 5. The mother stays home all day while the children attend school, and the father is out trying to find various side jobs to make money. You wonder why neither parent is employed? The parents are illiterate.

To add to the hardships, the children are illiterate. They are enrolled in special education classes to help them, but do not receive the full attention they need. The family is also living off of disability. Clarke College's sophomore class has decided to lend a helping hand.

"We decided to adopt a family because it would be a project that could be drawn out over time," said sophomore class president Colleen Thompson.

The eager sophomores got their chance when the mother of the family contacted John Mosher, Director of Campus Ministry, three weeks before Christmas. "When I received the call, I wanted to give the family to a group that would be able to do something," said Mosher. He continued, "I think its awesome what the sophomores are

doing to help the family."

"That's when it all began," said Thompson.

For Christmas, the sophomore class raised \$350 for the family. The money went toward a pre-made Christmas dinner from Hy-Vee, clothing, presents and extra groceries. The money came from campus clubs, Mary

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Ben Hall wings, and extra money from the sophomore treasury. "Our help during the holiday season made me realize the true meaning of Christmas," said Thompson.

Yet, the giving didn't stop at Christmas. Thompson and other sophomores have decided to make this a semester-long project. The class is still conducting food and clothing

drives, as well as toy drives. Students are still involved with the family directly. On February 13, Thompson and other students will be treating the kids to a movie. A sledding day with the children is also being planned and will be open to all interested Clarke students.

Thompson said that this proj-

ect has had a big impact on her life. "Adopting a family has made me grow as a person because I have learned that simple little things can change people's lives," she said, smiling.

To help this family in need, contact Colleen Thompson at ext. 6636, or MS 955.



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Colleen Thompson, President of the Sophomore class.

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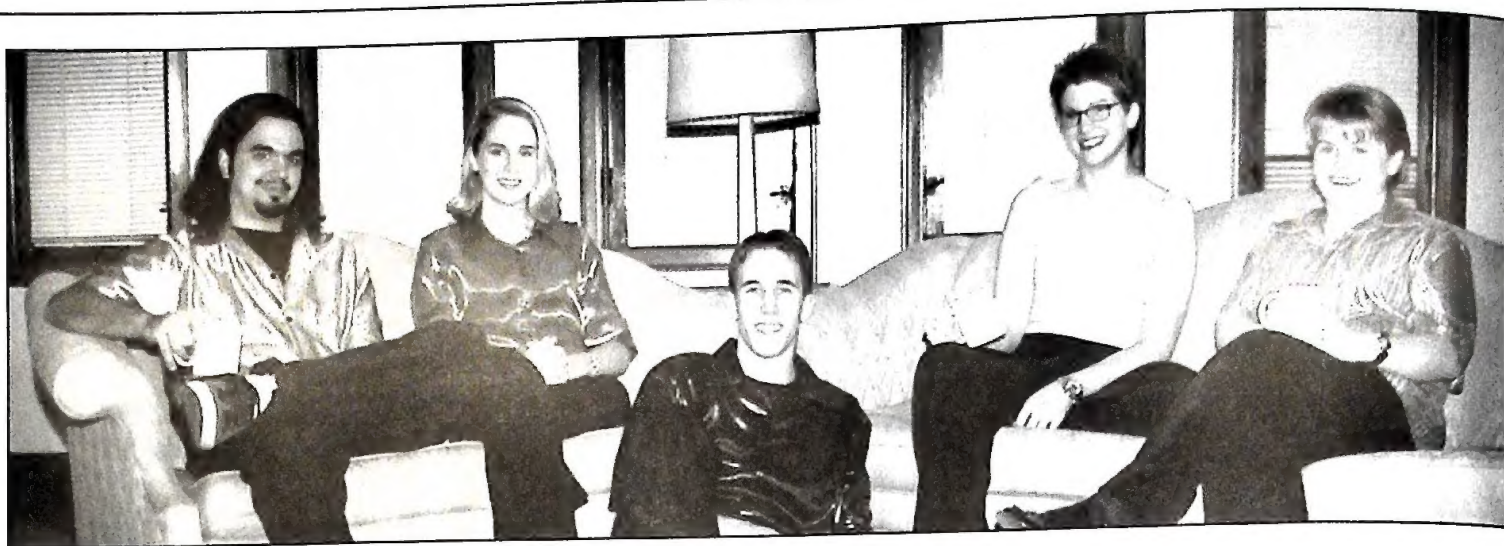
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Judy (second from left) joins (from left) Ben Welch, Mike Cyze, Suzie Johnson, and Caron Connell as the new member of The Fifth Element.



Judy Recker Pleads the Fifth

BY: MEGAN GLOSS
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The Fifth Element that is. "The first time I saw The Fifth Element perform was during freshman orientation in 1998," says Judy Recker, newest edition to The Fifth Element. "After the concert, I went back to my dorm room, called my mother and told her 'I'm going to do that someday!'"

In December of 1999, Clarke's rising accapella group known as The Fifth Element faced a challenge when Allison Bedford, a recent graduate of Clarke, made the decision to break away from the group to pursue a career as an admissions representative in the Quad Cities.

Auditions for a replacement began almost immediately. By the end of the semester, The Fifth Element welcomed its newest member, junior music education major Judy Recker.

In her first year at Clarke, Judy

got to know the members of The Fifth Element on a personal level through the music department and the Clarke Collegiate Singers.

"I was a groupie," Judy laughs. "Once I had become more

"We were looking for somebody who had a vocal background, who could learn music at a fast pace, and who could blend well with the rest of us."

acquainted with the group, they would invite me to sit in on rehearsals and give feedback."

Judy describes her acceptance into the group as a dream come true. "When I auditioned my attitude was if I get it, I get it. I real-

ly wasn't that nervous about it in that I did it mainly for the experience. But once I found out that I had made it into the group, I was thrilled," exclaims Judy.

A total of nine people auditioned for The Fifth Element. The audition consisted of various vocal range and pitch exercises, as well as vocalizing with the group to test the blend and harmony.

"We were looking for somebody who had a vocal background, who could learn music at a fast pace, and who could blend well with the rest of us," says Mike Cyze, senior and long-time member of The Fifth Element.

"We were also looking for someone who was energetic, who had enthusiasm and was willing to take a risk for the group. Judy adds a kind of freshness to The Fifth Element. She is very energetic, very positive, and holds a new outlook for the group."

Judy also performs in the Clarke Collegiate Singers and acts as the ensemble's vice president.

She explains that her experience in choir, in musical theater and in dramatic productions have lead to both her interest and involvement in The Fifth Element.

"I love the thrill of the lime light, and I love to sing and to perform," she says.

"I think that The Fifth Element will be a good asset in building my confidence, stamina, and discipline. There is a lot of work and dedication involved, especially since I am joining a group already in progress. I have to learn both the new and the old songs," Judy laughs.

"But it was something that I was ready for."

Fifth Element fans can expect a follow-up CD to their debut, "Boron," of new material from the group near the end of the spring semester.

Judy will also be the featured soloist on such tracks as "Stand By Me" and "MLK."

The group also plans to tour throughout the United States over the summer.

"I am really looking forward to that," says Judy. Other projects are in the works.

"This is such a great experience for all of us," says Mike Cyze. "To think that this started out as a little idea a few of us had two years ago and it has grown into something so big. It's really something we have all dreamed of and we're all very excited that we are able to continue building on this dream with Judy."

Since the formation of The Fifth Element two years ago, the group has been dazzling audiences throughout the mid-west with its energetic stage presence, audience interaction, and contagious tight harmonies. The Fifth Element has performed alongside such talents as Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's "The Shirelles" and has earned the respect of music critics and concert-goers alike.

This new edition to The Fifth Element can only indicate that the best is yet to come.

Forget the coats... It's Just Across the Street

By: ANDY SCHROEDER
Staff Writer

As the midwest starts to see some real winter weather, you cant help but notice how students have adjusted. Many have witnessed firsthand how the weather in the midwest is as predictable as the states lottery.

Clarke's Student Activity Center has forced the majority of the Clarke Community to come out from the warmth and experience this harsh weather periodically throughout the day. You frequently see people racing from the Atrium to the Kehl Center, braving the, sometimes numbing wind chills. "You just have to deal with it and run," stated sophomore Char Knox. "The fresh air is nice, and I am not going to let the weather keep me from wearing shorts," added freshman Nathan Colburn.

Students who gracefully walk from the apartment complex in a simple T-shirt and shorts appear as though the weather has no effect at all. "I am not going to wear a coat, if I am just going to get my mail," says sophomore Sarah Raffin. One student how-

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ever, Adnan Fazal, believes "there are certain things you do not wear in the winter, shorts are one of those things." Adnan is experiencing a real winter for the first time. He lives in Pakistan in which the coolest temperatures are in the 60s and 70s.

Students all over campus have

agreed that no matter what they are wearing, it is worth the short walk or run across the street. The students feel that Clarke College is developing more of a campus look by bring students outside.



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Emmaus Retreat A Success

By MEGAN PETERHANS
co-editor



Mia Pawlikowski showing off her dance moves at Emmaus.

Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)"

Last weekend, John Mosher took a team of 20 people to Independence, Iowa, to lead what Campus Ministry calls an Emmaus retreat. Schools and parishes bring the Clarke teams in to lead these retreats for their confirmation programs. Last weekend's retreat was an overnight with 58 high school sophomores and juniors.

The team arrived on Friday night and spent the evening setting up and running through last-minute details for the weekend.

Saturday morning was an early start as the candidates arrived at 9:30 and the weekend began.

The day was filled with high-energy games such as pass the

body, group tag, balloon passes, and toe tag. Throughout the day there were also several talks given by different members of the team. After dinner things got a little more serious with a forgiveness service, and then the mood changed to that of a celebration. Sunday morning the candidates planned and celebrated Mass. Many of their parents joined in Mass to show their support.

When asked how he thought the retreat went, John Mosher said "I thought the weekend was a wonderful faith filled experience at which both the team and the candidates had a fun time and learned a little bit more about themselves and their God." Team member Rin Waigand commented "I could tell that at least a few people got a lot out of the retreat and even if only one person came away with even a little bit, the whole weekend was worth it."

On the Street

By Jack Kelly
Staff Writer

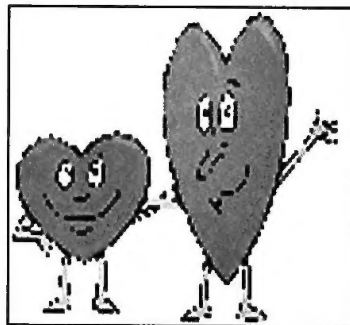
What is the worst thing that has ever happened to you on Valentines Day?

Melissa Krawczuk: "My boyfriend ditched me the night before Valentines Day."

Mike Delp: "Two years ago on Valentines Day my mother told me she didn't love me anymore."

Angie McGuire: "Every Valentines Day is the worst Valentines Day because I always spend it alone."

Curtis Schmitz: "...and this is the truth. Two years ago I sent roses to these four hot chicks, 'cause they all wanted me, right. So, they all said they would go out with me... but, then they all found out and then they all shut me down."



On Other Campuses

By JED THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Shattered Dreams of Olympic Nudity

For the past 25 years the first snowfall of the year at Princeton University has marked the annual Nude Olympics, but now the administration has had enough. For years, sophomores would run around in circles in the snow wearing nothing but boots and a hat. Students viewed the event as a milestone in their college careers but excessive drinking and disorderly conduct has led to safety concerns causing the administration to outlaw the annual event.

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Please Pass the Gamma Rays

At Brown University, graduate student Cheng Gu decided to go radioactive when cooking dinner for his ex-girlfriend. Instead of the normal spices, he smothered the chicken dish he was preparing with iodine-125. The girl is reported to be in good health but will be monitored everyday. Gu was arrested and charged with five felonies and expelled from Brown.

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Mind over matter?

Croft explains mind/body link

By JEN GEORGEN
Staff Writer

Do you believe a doctor is the only person who can heal your physical sickness?

If you attended the Makin-Mailander Lecture, Associate Professor of Psychology Candace Croft may have changed your mind.

February 1st, Jansen Music Hall overflowed with students, teachers, and community members, all willing to learn about The Shaman Within. Croft's topic was how mental health can affect physical health.

"I identified well with her speech," senior Beth Graham said.

"If you think positively, then you will be able to overcome any problems."

Croft spoke on how we have a culture of our own. When we are feeling stressed out we usually keep up with our normal behavior, we don't take time off. When we get a cold a week later, then we take a sick day. We need to heal our own bodies and minds.

"Overall I think it went very well," Croft said. "I received a very positive response from the Clarke community. Many people have written letters, called, or asked me to speak again to clarify my ideas."

Human, or Reptile?

Eric M. Sprague, a doctoral candidate and performance artist at the State College of New York at Albany, has begun the transition from human to reptile. His body has been tattooed from head to foot in scales and he convinced surgeons to implant a bony ridge on his forehead and put a fork in his tongue. Sprague has his fingernails filed into claws and his teeth sharpened into crocodile-like chompers. He has also considered adding a prosthetic tail. The 27-year-old Sprague says that his family is proud of him. "They understand that this is what I've decided to do. They've always been really good about accepting it and supporting me."

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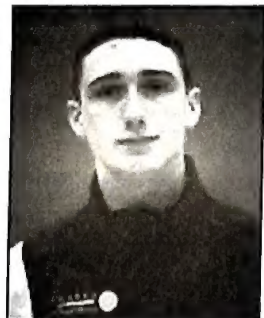
Athletes of the Issue

McNally's Performance Earned Him Division III

by JOSE DE JESUS
co-sports editor

Clarke's opposite hitter, Bill McNally was the first recipient to be named the NCAA Div. III Player of the Week. McNally, a junior accounting major from Schaumburg, Illinois, had great numbers during the Quincy tournament, averaging .397, including 45 kills, 19 digs, and five solo blocks.

"It is quite an honor to win this award because it is not something that I was expecting," McNally said. "I was looking only



Bill McNally

to win the match. I was trying to take care of the ball when I had the opportunity to win the point or the side-out."

McNally said that thanks to great setting, he is being honored even though he thinks it is not a personal honor, but rather a team award.

Currently, McNally is leading the Crusaders in kills per game

with 5.14; percentage of kills in with .484, and aces per game with .71. Last year, McNally was the leader in aces in Division III.

"My expectations for this season are to contribute to the team in every area as much as possible and make it to New York for the Final Four," said McNally.

He added that some of his personal goals for this season are to have a high hitting efficiency, reduce mis-serves and increase aces serves, and improve on his blocking and defensive digging.

McNally's teammate, Kevin Perhach, said, "Bill's performance was very solid. He was reliable for the three matches that we played. He minimized mistakes, and came through for the team."

Hopefully, McNally can lead the Crusaders to New York to the Final Four.

CONGRATULATIONS BILL!

Newcomer Kramer Breaking Records

by GABRIEL JOHNSON
co-sports editor

The Clarke College Women's Basketball team is off to another impressive start in conference play, posting a 4-1 record in the NIIC.

Much of the Crusaders' success is due to newcomer Alisha Kramer. Kramer, a product of Center Point Urbana High School, is a 5'9" junior forward transfer. She attended college in California and

Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids before enrolling at Clarke. Since February 3, Kramer has led Clarke to an 11-6 overall record. While averaging 21 points and 5 rebounds per contest, Kramer offers the complete game.

Head coach Tina Kuhle commented on her surprising star. "Alisha is a great leader, great rebounder, and great scorer," said Kuhle. "She's probably the best overall player that has gone to Clarke."

Kramer has led Clarke to victories over Concordia, Benedictine, Eureka and Aurora, while losing only to Rockford. With the 91-65 victory over Benedictine on January 18, Kramer broke the single game scoring record for women with 41 points and tied for the most field goals made in a game

with 15. She went 15-25 in field goals with an astonishing 6-11 from three point land.

Kuhle feels Kramer's work ethic has enabled her to break records and contribute so much to the Clarke team. "She's an extremely hard worker and she plays hard all the time in practice and games," said Kuhle. "And that shows great leadership."

Senior captain and guard

Melissa Sohre didn't quite know what to think of Kramer before the season began. "We needed someone to step up to a starting role," said Sohre. "Alisha has done that for us with her hard-nosed attitude. She knows what it takes to win."

Kramer herself just wants to enjoy the game and her teammates while she's playing. "I just try to have fun," she said.

Her fun is generated through the tenacity that she brings to the court. "I try to stay focused and have a positive attitude," she added.

So far Kramer's focus has made the Crusaders a tough team to beat. Hopefully, Kramer and company can bring another NIIC Conference Championship back to Clarke.



Kramer on a drive
photo by Francion

by ZACK TRACHTA
staff writer

Men's Volleyball 'Spiking it Up!'

The Clarke Men's Volleyball team kicked off their season at a two-day tournament in Quincy,



Nik Butenhoff

Ill., on January 22. The Crusaders started off slow, losing 6-15 in the first game against Quincy, but played tough the rest of the match. It was not enough. However, they lost the next two games 14-16 and 11-15. Junior Bill McNally led the Crusaders with 19 kills and seven digs. Senior Scott Schuessler had 13 kills and five digs for Clarke.

Next, the Crusaders played a tough Graceland team, losing in three games 8-15, 12-15, and 13-15. Schuessler and McNally again led the team with 16 and 11 kills. Senior Troy Weisgram and junior Pete Lapin each had six digs for Clarke.

The following day the Crusaders bounced back for a solid win over William Woods,

15-11, 15-9, and 15-6. Schuessler and McNally had 15 kills apiece and sophomore Joe Gustafson chipped in with 13 of his own. Junior Kiko de Jesus led the team in digs with 11 and Weisgram added 10.

"It was a good experience, we learned we need a lot of work to get to the level we are capable of playing at. The third match we brought things together, we played very well," commented sophomore Nik Butenhoff.

Clarke played their 2000 home debut on January 28, against St. Ambrose. It was an exciting match, with the Crusaders winning in four games, 15-9, 15-12, 10-15, and 15-11. McNally led the way with 15 kills and six digs, while Lapin had 14 kills and seven digs. On January 29,

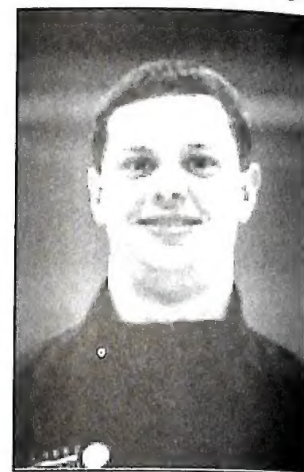
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Clarke traveled to Dominican University, in Chicago. The Crusaders dominated, winning 15-12, 15-9, and 15-5. McNally had 12 kills and seven digs, while Schuessler had 12 kills and six digs. Weisgram led the team in digs with eight.

Clarke didn't have much time to savor their victory because on

February 4 they faced Division I powerhouse, Ohio State University at the Kehl Center. McNally played well chalking up

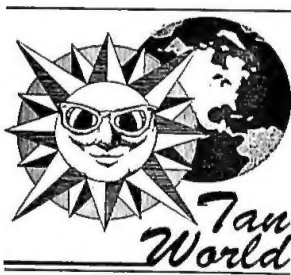


Scott Schuessler

14 kills, but it was not enough, as the Crusaders were defeated in three games, 4-15, 3-15, and 8-15. Schuessler had 10 kills for Clarke, while De Jesus and Weisgram had eight and six digs, respectively.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders stayed at home to face Lewis. Clarke made late rallies in the first two games but fell short, losing 8-15, 8-15, and 6-15. McNally had 14 kills and four digs, and Schuessler had 11 kills and four digs. Weisgram chipped in with seven kills and five digs for the Crusaders.

Clarke goes into Saturday's game against Division I, ninth-ranked Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne with a 3-4 record.



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Intra
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by JARON
staff

What's up hoop fans, buckle up and get ready for another exciting season of intramural basketball. This year's intramural basketball season is under way, and it's time to separate the MEN from the boys and the WOMEN from the girls.

There are currently five teams in the Intramural Basketball League. (That's IBL for those who didn't know.) They will compete all winter long in a battle for respect and the honor of owning an intramural championship T-shirt that they can one day show their children. During this extended battle, there are sure to be arguments, hard score keepers, and the occasional bad call or two that our brave referees may make. Even with these few negatives occurring, the players still manage to

Davison claims 400th Coaching VICTORY!

by JAVIER PACHECO
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teach young players everything that he knows about basketball. He does not have a goal of having a lot of wins in his career; he prefers to take care of each game at a time.

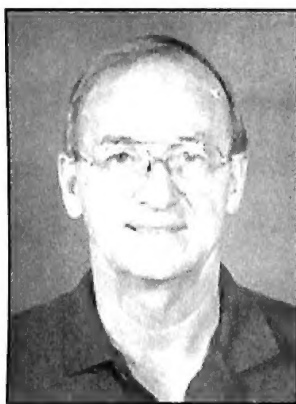
After his last season at the University of Dubuque in 1993, he decided to move to Fridley, Minnesota, where he was president of National Development

Services and a general manager of Sports Spree Fun Park. However, when he got the call in 1996 to coach the Crusaders, he jumped at the opportunity.

"I knew that it was going to be a challenge, but I felt very happy that they chose me to coach at Clarke."

says Davison. "It was an opportunity that I was not going to miss. I feel very happy and blessed now that I am the head coach of this team."

For Davison, being a coach is something that has its rewards and being able to share his knowledge is the best thing that he has in his life. It makes him feel he is changing the life of young players for the better.



Coach Jon Davison

Intramural Update

by JARON WARNER
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There are currently five men's teams and four women's teams in the Intramural Basketball League. (That's IBL for those who didn't know.) They will compete all winter long in a battle for respect and the honor of owning an Intramural champion T-shirt that they can one day show their children.

During this extended battle there is sure to be arguing, hard fouls, disagreements with the score keeper, and the occasional bad call or two that our brave referees may make. Even with these few negatives occurrences, the players still manage to have

fun and compete with friends, which is what it is all about. During this season I will attempt to bring you all the latest news and updates on the IBL participant. What teams are hot, what teams are not, and of course if your team is not doing so well then I'll have to let everyone know. Sorry I'm just doing my job, but if you win then you don't have to worry, you'll get your do respect.



Here is a list of the IBL's participating teams.

Men

Pound Club -- (3-0) an early favorite to win it all

Hosers -- (1-1) they started slow

Clarke Baseball: Getting It Done

by LES GROSCUP
staff writer

The new millennium marks a clean slate for the Clarke baseball program. In the past, the team has been underachieving. However, the outlook for this season is promising. Hard work by both the coaching staff and administration has enabled Clarke to field a unique group of young men.

"I have been around the Clarke baseball program for years now, and this by far is the most talented group of players we have had," says athletic trainer Tony Breitbach. Returning for their second year of coaching, Eric Frese and Jim Patrick feel that recruiting experienced players will be the key to success.

"Anytime you add players who have been through a long college baseball season it is a bonus," Frese says. "The game is played differently at the college level,

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catcher Adam Feyen

and these guys know that."

Patrick will be in charge of developing the pitching staff. With an upgrade in personal, it looks promising, but that still doesn't mean things will be easy.

"The pitching of this year's team is greatly improved from last year's," says Patrick. "We have brought in some junior college pitchers with experience and we have more depth on the staff." Taft Community College in southern California has contributed five players to the squad. Junior Mike O'Rourke headlines the list, working his way into the top spot of the pitching rotation.

but I have a feeling they'll get better. **Sketchy Critters** -- also (1-1) and are still in the hunt early on. **The Franchise** -- (1-3) they need to live up to their name, but it may be too much pressure.

Da Beers -- (0-1) they've got the wrong motivation, which is why they haven't won.

Women

Jargo -- (0-1) they started out kind of rocky but hopefully can pick things up.

The Best -- (1-0) in their attempt to live up to their pretty bold name.

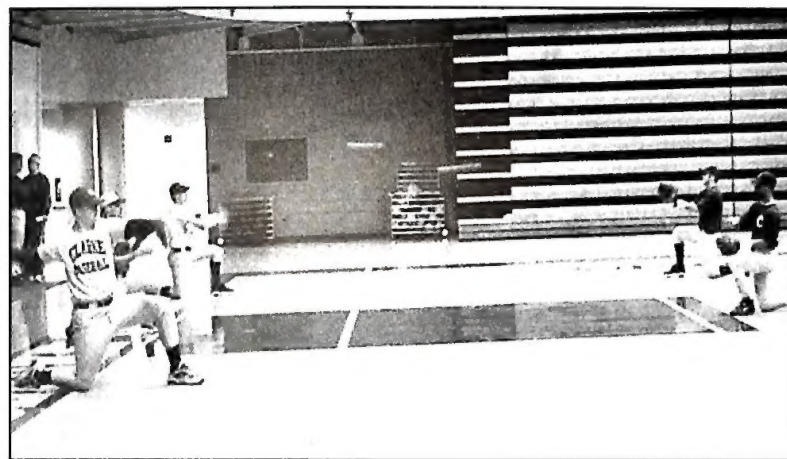
The Fatties -- (0-2) but their record has nothing to do with their team name.

Rorah -- (2-0) and are the favored to win it all, if "The Best" doesn't get in their way.

With all these teams, a supervisor like Dan Corken, and me writing every week, it should be an interesting season. So keep reading, and I'll keep writing. Check back next issue for more up-to-date scores and records.

In his second season at Clarke, Aaron O'Neill hopes to duplicate his freshmen year when he lead the Crusaders in most pitching

and sophomore Tony Sigwarth. Herbst, a Wahlert graduate, will see time in the outfield while



Winter workout for the baseball players

statistics. Rounding out the pitching are freshman Justin Wenzlemen and junior transfer Perry Scott.

Wenzlemen, a Bonfield, Illinois native, is expected to see a lot of action in his first year at Clarke. Another Taft College addition, Perry Scott, will be contending for a spot in the rotation, but will also be spending time in the field.

"I just want to help out in every way that I can," says Scott. "All that I want is to bring respectability to Clarke baseball."

Taking up residence in the Clarke bullpen are juniors Josh Herbst and Nate Bazzell, sophomores Javier Pacheco and Jack Maurer and freshman Josh "Nuke" Sundstrom.

Offensively, Clarke has shown that it can produce at the plate with a solid foundation of five returnees. Sophomore Danny Matias, who led the team in many offensive categories last year, will be relied on for his slick fielding and powerful swing. Joining Matias as Clarke veterans are junior Josh Herbst,

serving as a relief pitcher as well. Sigwarth, the Clarke workhorse, was the primary catcher a year ago, catching about 90 percent of the games.

After a year in which he pursued other options, Wahlert grad Adam Feyen, returns with catching gear in hand. Feyen, who played two years ago under than head coach Sam Knaak, is aware that this is not a stereotypical Clarke baseball team.

"A lot of people have overlooked us in the past," Feyen proclaims. "But with a lot of new talent this year, we'll surprise a lot of people. It should be a fun season to watch."

The Clarke coaching staff has tried to put together a group of athletes who can bring Clarke College baseball its first NIIC championship. Within a few short weeks, the season will be here, and the players will control their own destiny.

"It has gone unnoticed that the coaching staff has done all that they can to put together a talented group of players," says Scott. "Now it is up to the players to get it done."

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Calendar of Events

Friday, February 11
Valentine's Dance
New RA Application. Due in Residence Life Office, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 12
Leadership conference
Men's Basketball
Men's Volleyball, Noon
Women's Basketball, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 14
Chocolate Love Affair-MSS

Tuesday, February 15
Arts at Clarke: Trio Voronezh-Russian Folk music(JMH), 7:30 p.m.
SWomen's Basketball, 7 p.m.
Networking workshop. (WLDL), free pizza, career services, 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16
Spanish Mass, 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 17
Night Prayer, 9 p.m.
Career Services Open House

Friday, February 18
Create Event
Returning RA Applications Due in Residence Life Office

Saturday, February 19
RA Interviews/Selection

Thursday, February 24
Career Extravaganza, Five Flags
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, February 25
Men's Volleyball 7:30 p.m.
NIIC Basketball Tournament
Play: "And They Danced Real Slow in Jackson" 7:30 p.m.
Evening of Chamber Music (JMH), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26
Create Event
Play: "And They Danced Real Slow in Jackson" 7:30 p.m.
NIIC Basketball Tournament
Men's Volleyball, 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 27
Play: "And They Danced Real Slow in Jackson" 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 28
Health & Safety Week

Tuesday 29
Arts at Clarke: Singphoniker-A Capella male sextet(JMH), 7:30 p.m.
Gospel Music Celebration-MSS
Health & Safety Week

Athletic Training Program Takes Heart

The Clarke athletic training program was recently granted candidacy from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Clarke is the only athletic training program in the Tri-State area to receive candidacy, a crucial step in developing an accredited program. Anthony Breitbach, of Clarke AT, hopes the program will become fully accredited by 2001.

High School Hearts

About 100 high school students from in and around Dubuque will be spending Valentine's Day here at Clarke rehearsing for a Winter Choral Concert that will take place at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel.

Proud Hearts

The dedication of the Student Activities Center was held Friday, January 28, as the Clarke Community gathered in the new Althoff Lounge to bless the facility and recognize those who helped make it a reality here on campus.

Dancing Hearts

CREATE is sponsoring the Valentines Day Dance for you and your sweetheart. The dance will be at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, February 11. Shuttle transportation will be provided to and from the dance. Vans will depart from in front of the Atrium beginning at 8:30.

Chemistry Department Receives Grant

The Clarke Chemistry Department has been awarded \$62,606 in grants toward a \$95,000 technology integration project. The National Science Foundation will provide \$47,606 through its Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement Program. The Dreyfus Foundation will provide \$15,000 to fund the project. The balance of funding for the project will come from alumni donations and other resources. The funds will be used to purchase two high-pressure liquid chromatograph (HPLC) systems for the chemistry

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Art from Trash

Jeremy Neuhaus will present his Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) exhibit, "The Rust Age," in the Quigley Gallery in the Atrium, from Wednesday, Feb.9 through Tuesday, Feb. 22. A reception is planned for Friday, Feb.18, at 7 p.m. The Neuhaus exhibit consists of nine paintings and six drawings depicting a variety of



unused and discarded objects, such as outmoded electronic components. "My exhibit is based on relics of our throwaway society," Neuhaus said. "While the exhibit makes a statement about all the things we use that are 'disposable' and about the idea of 'built-in obsolescence,' there is, however, an abstract beauty in each subject.

High School Takes Arms' Play to Heart

A play by a frequently published Clarke faculty member Associate Professor of English Gary Arms, has been presented on the small stage. "The Arranged Marriage," a romantic farce, was produced late last year by Bluestem High School in Leon Kansas.Arms has written two plays, "The Arranged Marriage" is his second script and was approved for publication by the Eldridge Publishing Company in 1999 and marketed to small schools and community theatres. "Normally plays need to be produced several times before they are published," Arms says. Arms says he is extremely happy to have his play produced. "It's a major thrill," he says. "No matter what you write, it will never get more attention than if it is produced on the stage by a group of actors dedicated to memorizing every word and presenting it to the audience."

Dunn Named one of 50 Most Influential Iowans

"The Des Moines Register" has named Clarke President Catherine Dunn, BVM, Ph.D. as one of the most influential Iowans of the present.

She was of just eight women named to the list and the only religious clergy.

During her 15 years as a president of Clarke, Dunn has been the driving force behind the tremendous growth in campus facility, curriculum and enrollment at Clarke.

Dunn became Clarke's fourteen president on February 3, 1984, just 111 days before the disastrous fire on May 17, 1984. Since that time, she has overseen the rebuilding of the college and the subsequent growth and expansion of enrollment, programs and facilities. Over the last 12 years, Clarke's enrollment has increased 60 percent.



Clarke Drama Production Receives Recognition

The Clarke Drama Department's production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" was named a first alternate in the American College Theater Festival (ACTF) regional competition. The play was produced at Clarke in November. The cast included 1974 Clarke graduate Andrea Bednar drama department chair David Kortemeier and junior drama majors Megan Schumacher and David Bunting. Senior drama major Jacob Blomquist was stage manager for the production.

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Ah yes, there's nothing more refreshing than walking back from find your roommate sprang on your futon, burning the mild yet smooth Paradise Light. Mmmmm, the snuffums. Wonderful; that's a fine bowling establishment for just that cigarette, all day, and it even gives scent to sheets and now, sure this might be a problem for some, but there. That's why the halls last Wednesday held to get feedback rooms. The meeting, le